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Virginia Air Board  
c/o Terry Darton  
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Northern Va. Region  
Dept. of Env. Quality

Dear Air Board-

Living in an environment with healthy air is important to me. The stack merge proposed by Mirant Power will improve the air quality in Alexandria. I moved to Alexandria 38 years ago due to a promotion with my employment with the Veteran's Administration. Prior to this move, I resided in Brooklyn, New York. The quality of living in Alexandria is much better than New York; there is less pollution, thus a healthier environment to live in.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's suggestion is to approve Mirant's stack merge proposal. The stack merge will dramatically reduce toxins in the air without the tall towers that would interfere with air traffic. The stack merge will be more visually acceptable than large towers that would corrupt the view of the Potomac, but will function just as well.

Aside from aesthetics and quality of air, this stack merge will save the city money. The City of Alexandria has already spent over 3 million dollars suing Mirant. This money will inevitably come out of the taxpayers' pockets. The suit is one that will continue on and waste millions more of the taxpayers' money. The stack merge is an amicable solution that will satisfy both parties.

Our need for electricity is not going to decrease, it will only increase. We all want to breathe clean air. The stack merge proposal takes care of both of these issues. Air toxins are decreased without the amount of energy produced being decreased. It's a win/win situation.

Best,

Carl Burtoff